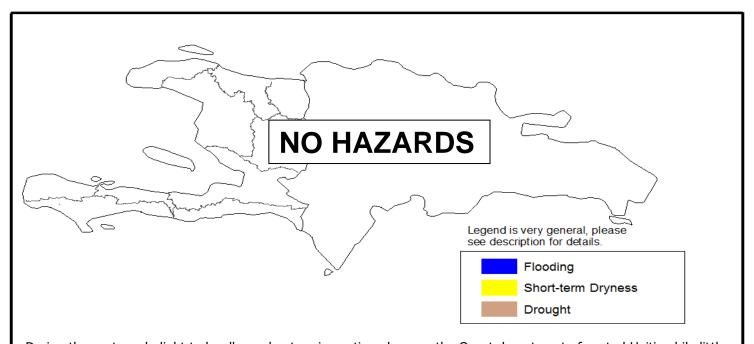






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 21 – February 27, 2013

Dry weather is generally expected over Hispaniola during the next week.



During the past week, light to locally moderate rain continued across the Ouest department of central Haiti, while little to no rain fell elsewhere. Rainfall was marginal across much of Hispaniola except portions of the Ile de la Gonave, where small surpluses were observed during the past week. On a longer time scale, the northern coastlines of Hispaniola and portions of southwestern Haiti have received below-average rain; while above-average rain has persisted across the Ouest department of Haiti over the past thirty days. During the next week, a dominating high pressure system over the western North Atlantic is expected to result in dry and stable air mass, suppressing rain across Hispaniola. The prevailing easterly to northeasterly winds could, however, produce light showers over local areas of northeastern, southeastern, and central Dominican Republic. The continued seasonably, light rain should help to maintain favorable soil moisture for cropping activities across the region.